

Please replace Example 4 on page 7 with the following:

EXAMPLE - 4

| <u>CONSTITUENTS</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Lipase Concentration | 2 mg/ml |
| Ligand in the reaction | |
| Mixture (mole/mole) | 1:1500 |
| Substrate (5% w/v) | 4 ml |
| CaCl ₂ | 10µl |

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In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 1 (Amended). A process for the preparation of deactivated rice bran lipase, which comprises:

- a) extracting lipase from rice bran and purifying the lipase using
— a salting out agent to obtain active lipase;
- b) mixing the active lipase with a ligand in a ratio in the range of 1:10 to 1:1500 on a mole to mole basis of lipase to ligand and adding the mixture obtained to a substrate;
- c) adding an activator in a concentration of 0.1M to the combination of the mixture and substrate;
- d) incubating the mixture thus obtained for 4 hours; and
- e) separating the deactivated lipase from the mixture.

Claim 2 (Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the salting out agent is selected from the group consisting of ammonium sulfate and CaCl₂.

Claim 3 (Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the purification of the lipase in step (a) of the process is done by dialysis and size-exclusion chromatography.

Claim 4 (Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of triacetin and tributyrin.

Claim 5 (Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the mixture of the active lipase and the ligand is added to the substrate at a concentration of at least 5%.

Claim 6 (Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ligand comprises an aromatic boro compound.

Claim 8 (Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the lipase is mixed with the ligand in a ratio selected from the group consisting of 1:10, 1:100, 1:250, 1:750 and 1:1500 on a mole to mole basis of lipase to ligand.

Please add the following claim:

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Claim 9. A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the activator comprises CaCl_2 .